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SUBJECT: IEA: AD HOC GROUP ON ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT
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SUMMARY: THE SUBJECT GROUP MET MARCH 24 TO 26 AND AGREED ON A SET OF CRITERIA, BUT NOT A SCHEDULE, FOR REVIEWING NATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES. MEETING ALSO PERMITTED REVIEW OF COUNTRY PROJECTIONS AND IDENTIFIED FURTHER INFORMATION NEEDED URGENTLY TO PROJECT OUTPUT AND SUPPLY COSTS IN THE FUTURE. WORK ALSO WAS BEGUN ON COMMON METHODOLOGY FOR ASSESSING THE COST OF NUCLEAR-GENERATED ELECTRICITY IN TERMS OF OIL EQUIVALENCE.

END SUMMARY

1. THE AD HOC GROUP ON ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES MET AT OECD MARCH 24 TO 26 CHAIRED BY KELLY (UK) OF IEA SECRETARIAT.

2. GROUP AGREED ON A SET OF ELEVEN CRITERIA TO RECOMMEND TO THE SLT FOR REVIEWING NATIONAL PROGRAMS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES. THE U.S. SUBMISSION AT LAST MEETING, UPDATED FOR THE PRESENT SESSION, FORMED THE BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF CRITERIA. THE AGREED SET OF CRITERIA INCORPORATES THE SUBSTANCE OF ALL THE CRITERIA TABLED BY THE U.S. DELEGATION. THE AD HOC GROUP FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON CRITERION TABLED BY DANISH DELEGATION WHICH WOULD EXAMINE THE EFFECT OF IEA COUNTRIES' POLICIES "TO ENSURE EQUAL ACCESS TO ENERGY PRODUCTION AND INVESTMENT AT NON-DISCRIMINATORY PRICES WITHIN THE IEA AREA." THE DANES SHOWED NO LATITUDE FOR COMPROMISE ON THE ISSUE OF EQUAL ACCESS, AND CANADA LED AN ATTACK ON THE PROPOSAL, ALTHOUGH THE DANES ADMITTED PRIVATELY THAT NORWEGIAN OIL WAS THE PRINCIPAL OBJECT OF THEIR INITIATIVE. THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATE SUPPORTED CANADA, BUT THE UK DELEGATE REMAINED SILENT DESPITE BRITISH STATEMENT ON THIS ISSUE AT FIFTH GOVERNING BOARD MEETING. AD HOC GROUP WILL ATTEMPT AT ITS NEXT MEETING TO AGREE ON A CRITERION WHICH WILL PERMIT REVIEW OF NATIONAL PERFORMANCE RELATIVE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF EQUITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION SET FORTH IN GOVERNING BOARD'S DECISION ON ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES.

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2. EXTENSIVE REVIEW OF COUNTRY RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS SIMULATED FORMAL PROCESS FOR REVIEWING NATIONAL PROGRAMS, ALTHOUGH

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THE FOCUS OF THE LATTER WILL BE ON PERFORMANCE RATHER
THAN PROJECTIONS. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE QUESTIONNAIRE
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REVIEW IDENTIFIED GAPS IN THE DATA NEEDED FOR PREPARATION OF AN IEA SUPPLY CURVE. A COLLATION BY THE SECRETARIAT OF AVAILABLE DATA DEVELOPED A WORKABLE FRAMEWORK FOR HANDLING THE DATA, BUT MEANINGFUL AGGREGATE CONCLUSIONS CANNOT BE DRAWN FROM THE DATA PRESENTLY AVAILABLE.

3. AT THE INSISTENCE OF THE U.S. DELEGATION, THE GROUP RECOGNIZED THE URGENCY OF REACHING AGREEMENT AMONG PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES ON THE METHODOLOGY FOR EXPRESSING THE COST OF NUCLEAR-GENERATED ELECTRICITY IN TERMS OF THE COST OF EQUIVALENT OIL. GERMANY, THE U.S. AND THE UK HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PREPARE BRIEF PAPERS ON THIS SUBJECT BY APRIL 4 TO COMPLEMENT ONE THE CANADIANS DISTRIBUTED AT THE MEETING. ALL INTERESTED DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO STAFF DELEGATIONS FOR THE NEXT MEETING SO AS TO PERMIT RESOLUTION OF THIS TECHNICAL ISSUE. BY THE END OF THE PRESENT MEETING, THERE WAS GENERAL RECOGNITION THAT, FOR MANY COUNTRIES, NUCLEAR COSTING WAS A CRITICAL DETERMINANT OF THE LEVEL OF A COMMON MINIMUM SAFEGUARD PRICE.

4. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE GROUP WILL COMMENCE
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